

Hope

*I wait
for the
Lord...
and in his
word do
I hope.*

PSALM 130:5



THE LORD'S DAY
December 1, 2024 - Communion/Advent - Hope
9:30 AM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Ryan & Kelci Zevenbergen

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

***Song of Praise: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"** CH 245:1-3

Responsive Reading of God's Law

Song of Salvation:

"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" CH 334:1-2

Ministry of Music - "Make Room" - James & Rachelle Vanden Bos

Moment for Missions - Christmas Giving Project

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation: "Speak, O Lord"** GH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 (page 1069/1797)

Sermon: **"BOLD HOPE"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Response:**

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" LUYH:1-3

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Song while Passing of the Bread: "Behold the Lamb" GH:1-2

Song while Passing of the Cup: "Behold the Lamb" GH:3

Offertory Prayer/Offering: Tuition Assistance & CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song: "Behold the Lamb"** GH:4

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Robin Te Slaa

*Please stand if you are able

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

ROCK VALLEY, IOWA

December 1, 2024

WELCOME!

We pray that all will enjoy the presence of the Lord among His people today as we bring our praises & prayers, participate in the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, & hear His Word proclaimed!

If you are a visitor with us today and would like additional materials from First CRC, they are located in the "Visitor" mailboxes. If you currently do not have a church home and desire information about church membership, please contact the church office.

TODAY

-- We have the privilege of celebrating the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our morning worship service. We invite all who have publicly professed their faith in the Lord Jesus their Savior in a Bible-believing church to partake of the elements today.

-- Program practice continues today for Preschool-6th grade after the morning worship service until 11:30am. *Please meet in the Sanctuary. Preschool children will not be dismissed until a parent is present to pick them up.* If your child will not be able to participate in the Christmas program on the 22nd, please notify Sharla Van Roekel.

-- Adult Choir please meet in the *Fellowship Hall* following the morning service.

-- The Mission Committee's 5-week series: "**Missions Applied**" - **Matt. 25:34-36** continues today following the morning worship service in Classrooms 5/6. Week 3 - "*I Needed Clothes & You Clothed Me*" - Nick LeLoux - JFA.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

-- *A special thank you to Ryan & Kelci Zevenbergen for providing the reading and prayer and lighting the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope, during our morning worship service.*

-- *Thank you James & Rachelle Vanden Bos for blessing us with your ministry of music this morning.*

-- *Thank you Robin Te Slaa and Lois Klarenbeek for playing the piano accompaniment for our worship services today.*

-- *We want to thank the First CRC congregation for all the wonderful gifts we received during the recent couples shower. We appreciate all the support you have given us over the past year.*

-- *Noah and Hannah Krommendyk*

-- *Thank you church family and Pastor Haan for the prayers offered on our behalf. We ask for your continued prayers as Parkinson's and Pulmonary Fibrosis are conditions that will continue to worsen according to God's timetable. Please pray for patience and peace as we walk this path together, that we may do so with grace, knowing God is in control. Every prayer, card, visit, word of encouragement, and deed of kindness is a blessing. Thank you! -- John & Carol De Roon*

-- *You are doing more than you know! Thank you! The agencies and institutions of the Christian Reformed Church in North America are so grateful for your gifts to the ministry shares program. Together, we are doing what God called us to do - proclaim the gospel and disciple new believers in Christ here at home and around the world. Learn more at crcna.org/ministryshares. Thank you for your continued support! -- In Christ's service, Jeff Bolt - CRCNA*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- The *first* offering received today will be for **Tuition Assistance** and the *second* offering & *evening* offering will be for our **CEC**. The offerings next week will be for the Sioux City Gospel Mission and our Classical Quotas.

-- Next week *Sunday, December 8*, is the **2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace**. Josh, Katie, Emerson, & Saylor Byl will be sharing the Advent reading and lighting the candle of Peace during our morning worship service.

-- "**Christmas Mingo at the Senior Center**" hosted by the Fellowship Committee will be held on *Tuesday, December 10!* Enjoy celebrating the Christmas season with our Care Center Residents with a fun game, fellowship, and Christmas goodies! Join the fun at the Senior Center at 6:30pm and please bring your favorite Christmas goodies to share!

-- **Mission Committee Christmas Project:** This year the Mission Committee asks for your help to purchase printed and Talking Bibles for the missionaries and missions we support. The Bibles purchased through your past donations were provided to hundreds of people and in turn continues to bless thousands. Please choose a tag from the tree in the Narthex with the amount you want to contribute and return it to the box in the Narthex by December 29. Please see your mailbox insert for more information.

-- **Children in Worship** will begin January 5 for children who have outgrown the nursery and are not yet in week-day Preschool. It will be held during the morning worship services on Sundays and will follow the same schedule as the Sunday School & Catechism Winter/Spring season. Children within this age range will be dismissed during the service and will gather for a lesson and activity. More specific details about Children in Worship have been provided in your Church mailbox. If you are 7th grade and older and are willing to volunteer to lead or help with Children in Worship, please contact Jamie De Jager.

-- **1st CRC Book Club** presents their next book, One Light Still Shines by Marie Monville. Two copies of the book are available to borrow. A brief description of the book is posted by the book sign in/return sheet on the table in the Narthex, as well as Book Notes sheets if you find those helpful. Discussion Night will be held on *January 13*.

-- Gerrit & Esther Kats have moved to RiverView Ridge - 712 Westview Dr. - Apt. 115, RV. Pray for Gerrit & Esther as they adjust to a new place to call home.

-- **CHURCH DIRECTORY - FINAL CHANCE** to turn in your profile pages indicating changes or updates, and/or a new picture! *If your profile page is not returned to the Church office it will be assumed that your current information is correct "as is" and your information will remain the same as last year's publication.* The updated directory will be printed and distributed in *December*. *Thank you!*

-- Everyone is invited to share their family photo Christmas card with our Church family. These photo cards can be hung on the bulletin board outside the Church office.

-- **IGNITE Youth Group has prepared freezer meals.** If you or someone you know may be in need of a meal, please find them in the Church freezer.

-- **November Receipts:** General Fund - \$49,701.49; Benevolent Fund - \$12,824.67; Tuition Assistance - \$1,055.01; Building Fund - \$6,602.67; Mission Fund - \$4,294.90; CEC - \$6,359.00; Sioux Falls Gospel Mission - \$1,467.00.

December 1, 2024 - Communion/1st Week of Advent - Hope

PRAISE TEAM:

Holly H, Tracy B
James VB, Benjamin H

USHERS:

East: Josh B, Mike VZ
West: Dan B, Darin P

NURSERY:

AM: Addison VH, Jenessa VR
Kate L, Trevin VK
PM: Alli DB, Kennedy VH

GREETERS:

AM: Ron & Darletta L
Randy & Pat B
Vern & Carol DB
PM: Josh & Katie B
Mitchell & Kelsi B
Cody & Em D

NARTHEX: Eric & Tracy

OFFERING:

AM: Tuition Assistance
PM: CEC

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Doug DR
Maletoungou: John DR
Klomprens: Tyler DB

PIANIST: *AM:* Robin Te Slaa
PM: Lois Klarenbeek

December 8, 2024 - 2nd Week of Advent - Peace

SONG LEADER:

Michelle K, Tammy B,
Evan VB, Mike B

USHERS:

East: Joel B, Matt VE
West: Jace M, Alvin L

NURSERY:

AM: Steph E, Kendra J,
Ezra H, Tad M
PM: Cherie G, Aftyn B

GREETERS:

AM: Rick & Bonnie D
Kevin & Diana DG
Zach & Jamie DJ
PM: Erin DK
Steve & April DK
Jaden & Katlien DB

NARTHEX: Roger & Hilaine

OFFERING:

AM: Sioux City Gospel Mission
PM: Classical Quotas

LETTERS:

Ribbens: Harlan D
Maletoungou: Harold D
Klomprens: Jim D

PIANIST: Krista VE

IGNITE
YOUTH
GROUP

“Community in Christ”

We covet your prayers for leaders, students, and all others involved as we look forward to a year of fellowship, learning, and growth together.

-- Youth Group Email: youth@firstcrcrv.org

-- Next meeting - Wednesday, January 4

CADETS

- **Cadets** - Wednesday, December 11 - 7:00pm - Lesson Night at Church
- Wednesday, December 18 - 7:00pm
- Snow Derby Practice at Workshop
- Saturday, December 28 - 9:00am - Snow Derby

GEMS

- **GEMS** - Wednesday, December 4 - 6:30pm
- Wednesday, December 11 - 6:30pm

SERMON NOTES:

First CRC families RELOCATED temporarily:

(This list is *ongoing*, please notify us of *anyone not listed that should be added, corrections* if something is listed incorrectly, and *updates* to your location as time goes on, etc.)

- **Jacob & Amanda Maassen** – 722 Riverview Drive, Rock Valley
- **Starla Van Otterloo & Sam** – 2730 340th Street, Rock Valley, IA (Chris & Whitney's)
- **Warren Van Otterloo** – living with Rick & Bonnie – 2137 340th Street, Rock Valley
- **Loy & Janice Van't Hul** – 1411 11th Street, Rock Valley (Alyssa's)
- **Kevin & Diana De Groot** – living with Janice Attema – 1415 29th Ave., Rock Valley

Updated ADDRESSES:

- **Don & Lois Postma** - Sheldon Christian Retirement Home, 1414 Elm Court, Sheldon
New Phone – 712-541-3228
- **Jim Driesen** – River View Ridge – 712 Westview Drive #114 , Rock Valley
- **Elaine Bolkema** – River View Ridge – 712 Westview Drive #113 , Rock Valley
- **Faye Medalen** – River View Ridge – 712 Westview Drive # , Rock Valley
- **Chad & Sandra Van't Hul family** – 1108 Main St., Rock Valley
- **Galen & Paula Kats** – 2695 300th Street, Rock Valley
- **Karl & Alyssa Bos** – 1215 Division Street, Hull
- **Laura Van Kalsbeek** – 1111 7th St. – Northside Crt, Hull
- **Josh & Katie Byl** – 1810 Aspen Street, Hull
- **Jaden & Katlien Den Boer** – 2618 Warren Circle, Rock Valley
- **Lyle & Joyce Van Engen** – 910 Greenway Drive - #206, Rock Valley
- **Harm & Bonnie Wiersma** – 1407 20th Ave. – Apt. A, Rock Valley
- **Verlyn & Sandy Van Bommel** – 2115 Maple St. – Apt. 4, Hull
- **Alvin & Sue LeLoux** – 800 Golf Course Road, Rock Valley
- **Eric & Tracy Breuer** – 1310 12th St., Rock Valley
- **Kevin & Kristin Jansma** – 701 Fairway Drive, Rock Valley
- **Erin De Kam** – 818 Fairway Oaks Drive, Rock Valley
- **Tim & Kendra Van Tilburg** – 1216 Golf Course Road, Rock Valley

There are many more congregation members that have been severely affected by the flood, whether it be their home, business, school, farmland, and more.

Please continue to pray for our entire community as together we continue to help each other long-term to clean-up, process, recover, and rebuild!

December 1, 2024

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service - Communion/Advent - Hope
10:45 AM: Adult Choir/Christmas Program Practice - Grades P-6th
10:45 AM: Week 3 of "Missions Applied" - Speaker - Nick LeLoux - JFA
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service
7:15 PM: Saved to Serve Bible Study

TUES: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break - Joshua Book 2 - Lesson 2

WED: **6:30 PM:** GEMS
7:00 PM: Men's Society - resume Lesson 9 starting with question 5
Together in Faith - Lesson 6
Youth Group

PRAYER REMINDERS

Health, Healing, & Peace

◆ Kristin Jansma, Marv Faber, Diana De Groot, Addison Van't Hul, John De Roon

Flood Relief, Recovery - in our local communities & in the regions affected by hurricanes

Our Care Center Residents:

Whispering Heights

Esther De Roon
Jennie Maassen
Grace Teunissen
Joan Van Maanen
Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo
Alvina Van't Hul

River View Ridge

Elaine Bolkema
Nathan Dorhout
Jim Driesen
Gerrit & Esther Kats
LeRoy & Jane Koedam
Faye Medalen
Henrietta Vanden Bosch

Hull - Pleasant Acres

Jerry Velgersdyk
Crown Pointe - SC
Harriet Vande Kamp
Four Seasons
Teresa Oostra
Sheldon Christian Retirement Home
Don & Lois Postma

Missionaries

- ◆ Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens - Johannesburg, South Africa
- ◆ Rev. Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou - West Africa
- ◆ Rev. Mark & Jinhee Klompier - classically supported missionaries in Nepal

Classical Missions

- ◆ Lakeview CRC - Valentine, NE

Denominational Requests

- ◆ (Communications) *Giving Tuesday* - Please pray for the financial health of the CRCNA's denominational ministries that help to support local churches in their work of ministry. May the funds raised on this day help the church to be a light across North America.



Outreach

- ◆ **Orphan Grain Train** - a non-profit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with those in need in America and around the world by gathering donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, & aid.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday - Aiden Hernandez

Monday - Ada Kirkley, *the Vern Van Beek's*

Tuesday - Tim Van Tilburg, Sr.

Wednesday - Alex Rust, Colton Van Otterloo

Thursday - Harold Driesen (90)

Friday - Clarence De Roon (87), Harriett Van Zanten (89)

Saturday - Sawyer Van Otterloo

FUTURE DATES

December 10 - Christmas Mingo at the Senior Center

December 22 - P-6th Grade Christmas Program

December 25 - Christmas Day service

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ Scrip Orders due - 9am - Monday, December 2
- ◇ 2:30 dismissal - Wednesday, December 4
- ◇ Christmas Program - 6:30pm - Thursday, December 5 at Trinity CRC
- ◇ RVCS Prayer Warriors - 8:30am - Friday, December 6 - All are welcome! This month prayer focus will be for 4th grade and the cooks.
- ◇ Upcoming Dates:
 - 4th Grade & 6th Grade Chapel - 8:30am - Friday, December 20 at First CRC
 - Christmas Break - December 23-January 3; Classes resume - January 6
 - End of 1st semester - January 6
 - Kindergarten begins daily the week of January 13
- ◇ NICSTO contributions are being accepted through 12/1/24.

Western Christian High School:

- ◇ 9:30am start - Wednesday, December 4
- ◇ Christmas Break - December 23-January 3
- ◇ Prayerfully consider Celebrating Western with a Thanksgiving or year-end gift. Funds raised will support the General Fund and be allocated for capital improvements. Thank you to everyone who has already given! Together, we are partnering to train the next generation to build His kingdom!

Rock Valley Community School:

- ◇ 1:00pm dismissal - Wednesday, December 4
- ◇ Christmas Break - 1:00pm dismissal Friday, December 20-Thursday, January 2; Classes resume - January 3

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - www.firstcrrv.org/resources

HOW ARE YOU FEEDING YOUR FIRE OF FAITH?



6:00 PM Divine Worship

Piano Prelude

Hymn Sing

"Awesome God"

"How Great Our Joy!"

CH:1-3

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Trust in God

*God's Greeting

***Song of Praise: "I'd Rather Have Jesus"**

PH:1-2

***The Apostles' Creed** (in unison)

***Song of Response: "The Lord is My Salvation"**

GH

The Belgic Confession - Article 34 (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

***Song of Preparation:**

"Away in a Manger"

Tr:1,3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Mark 4:21-29 (page 929/1557)

Sermon: **"WHAT DO YOUR WORDS YIELD?"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

***Song of Application:**

"By Faith"

GH:1,2,3,5

Offertory Prayer/Offering: CEC

*Benediction

***Closing Song:**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

GsH:5

*Piano Postlude

Pianist: Lois Klarenbeek

*Please stand if you are able

